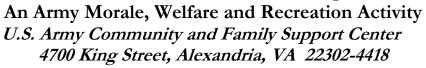


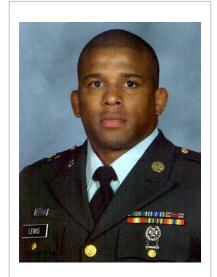
United States Army World Class Athlete Program







Army Coach Profile: Staff Sergeant Shon Lewis



Head Coach Greco-Roman Wrestling

Date of birth: March 20, 1967

Hometown: Oakland, CA

Military Occupation: Mechanized Infantry

Military Rank: Staff Sergeant/E-6 Staff Sgt. Shon Lewis, head coach of the U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program wrestlers stationed at Fort Carson, Colo., will serve as one of three Greco-Roman wrestling coaches for Team USA in the 2004 Olympic Games Aug. 22 through 29 at Athens, Greece.

A four-time national champion and 13-time Armed Forces champion on the mats, Lewis evolved from Soldier-athlete into coach and has led Soldiers to three consecutive national Greco-Roman team championships in four seasons. He also has coached the U.S. World Military Team in the CISM World Military Championships.

Selected as Greco-Roman Coach of the Year in both 2002 and 2003 by USA Wrestling, Lewis served as head coach for the U.S. Greco-Roman team that finished 13th in the 2003 World Championships at Cretiel, France. He was an assistant coach for the U.S. Greco-Roman team that placed fifth in the 2002 World Championships at Moscow, Russia, and the 2001 U.S. team that finished third in the world.

Led by Lewis in 2002-2003, Army World Class Athlete Program wrestlers won three world championship medals, nine international medals, 29 national medals, and 54 medals from other tournaments.

A mechanized infantryman, Staff Sgt. Lewis entered the Army on March 21, 1990. He completed basic training in July 1990. He's also a graduate of the Army Primary Leadership Development Course and the Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course.

Staff Sgt. Lewis joined the Army because "I wanted to better myself as an athlete and a person. The World Class Athlete Program is important to me because it helps me to accomplish goals that I set forth for myself."

A graduate of Placer High School in Auburn, Calif., Lewis likes to relax with his family when he's not coaching.

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